GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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CHILD LABOUR IN BIDI INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the large number of child labourers involved in bidi industry in the various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): As per reports received from State Governments, 37,141 child labourers have been identified in beedi making in the country during the last three years and prosecutions have been filed in 1948 cases. Out of these prosecutions, 1912 cases have been filed under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, and 36 cases under the Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditionsof Employment) Act, 1966.